

By

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H.S.R. No. 78

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Close friends, associates, and colleagues of the Honorable Omar Burkett, former legislator, were deeply saddened by news of his death on July 2, 1964, at the age of 80; and

WHEREAS, This fine gentlemen was born in Texas and lived most of his life in Eastland County; he was first elected to the Texas Legislature in 1939 to represent Eastland and Callahan Counties, and served in the House of Representatives for four consecutive terms, from 1939 to 1947; he served again in the 53rd Legislature, beginning in 1953; and

WHEREAS, He was the author of H.B. 886, which provided for a 40-hour week for state employees and other benefits; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burkett was a member of the Burkett family famous in Texas for the "Burkett" pecan, a variety which has helped gain Texas the name of one of the great pecan-producing centers of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burkett believed firmly in the obligation of service by the citizen to his community, his state, and his nation, and much of his lifetime was spent in putting this ideal into personal practice; and

WHEREAS, Even after his retirement from the Legislature, Mr. Burkett was a frequent visitor to the Texas Capitol where he was always welcomed by his many friends in state employment; he was known and respected as an honorable gentleman who never shied away from the truth for any reason--political or otherwise; and

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the 60th Legislature wishes to pay tribute to this outstanding citizen and former member of this house, who gave so generously of himself in the service of his state and his fellowman; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Texas by this Resolution pay tribute to the Honorable Omar Burkett and extend sympathy to the Burkett family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution under the Seal of the House of Representatives be prepared for his children--his daughters, Mrs. Carrol Kathrine Nichols of Corpus Christi and Mrs. Theo Benton Goins of Topeka, Kansas; and for his sons, Omar Harold Burkett of Hawley and Robert W. Burkett of Cisco; and be it further

RESOLVED, That when the House of Representatives adjourn today, that it do so in memory of former Representative Omar Burkett.

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in memory of the Honorable Omar
Burkett, former legislator from
Eastland and Callahan Counties.

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UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY RISING VOTE.

Dorothy Hallman

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

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